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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

SIR:

The attention of the Examiner and of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references cited in parallel pending patent or patent applications in Japan (Application no. 2006-515855) and South Korea (Application no. 2005-7023848). The references are listed on the attached form SB-08a. Copies of the foreign references are enclosed.

Japanese reference JP9241790 relates to removing material dispersion in a coil by treating a steel slab of specific composition by a continuous hot rolling process.

Japanese reference JP6238312 relates to constantly controlling the temperature history until theta alpha transformation is completed and coiling temperature to achieve a desired material.

Japanese reference JP3090206 relates to securing the tcmperature control accuracy of a steel plate without increasing the load of a calculator by cooling and controlling a hot rolled steel plate with the temperature control length in the steel plate rolling direction satisfying an equation as a sampling period based on the temperature gradient in the longitudinal direction of the steel plate.

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With the submission of this admitted prior art, applicant thus complies with the duty of disclosure as set forth at 37 CFR 1.56.

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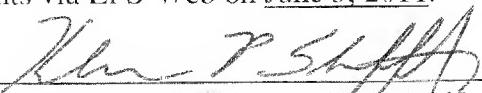
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